

## FLEEING RUMANIAN ARMY GETS NO REST

Teutons Close on Heels of Ferdinand's Troops, Taking Many Prisoners.

### LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

Berlin Says Killed and Wounded Are in Proportion to the Captives.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Since December 1 the Rumanians, who are in precipitate flight before the Teuton invaders, have lost in prisoners 70,000 men besides 184 cannon and 120 machine guns. Moreover, their losses in dead and wounded have been tremendous, Berlin announces. In the effort to help the Rumanians and Russians in Wallachia the Rumanians in the Carpathians are still launching attacks. Just south of Kirlibaba, near the Radaia pass, the Rumanians have captured 200 prisoners and some guns. Elsewhere they have been thrown out of captured positions. Several thousand more Rumanians have been caught in the Teuton trap in the Prachova Valley. Bottled up in the Bratocosa and Tetarului passes, east of the Prachova Valley, they were unable to escape. The German statement making this announcement is so worded that it may cover the capture of the Buseu pass also, which would prevent the Rumanians from making a stand along the Buseu River, as it has been hoped they would do.

**Now in Full Flight.**  
According to German and Austrian statements, the retreat of the main army of Rumania and Rumanians is becoming a panic-stricken rout. The Austrian statement says the enemy is "in full flight." None of the statements tells how far from Bucharest Rumanians and Rumanians have retired. Field Marshal von Mackensen and his staff have taken up their quarters in the Royal Palace at Bucharest, according to a dispatch to the *Koelnische Volkszeitung*. Lieut.-Gen. von Heinrich has been appointed Governor of Bucharest. The population of Bucharest remains quiet, dispatches say. Tonight's German announcement says that the pursuit of the Rumanians and Rumanians continues "as planned." The day statement reads:  
Front of Archduke Joseph.—Between the Kirlibaba and Bistita valleys, the Rumanians yesterday launched attacks. The majority of them ended with heavy losses under our fire.

**Russian Losses Heavy.**  
North of Dorna Watra ground that was lost was dearly paid for by the aggressor. Likewise in attacks south of the Trotus Valley, which virtually failed, the Rumanians obtained only a minor local success, while wasting considerable forces.  
Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen.—The left wing of the Ninth Army routed Rumanian divisions which tried to make their way toward the southeast from the passes northeast of Sinaia. Several thousand men were made prisoners and many cannon captured. The enemy is in retreat along the line before the right wing of this army and before the rapidly advancing Danube army.  
Since December 1, as far as appears at present from a superficial clearing up of the battlefields around Bucharest, the Rumanians have lost to these two armies more than 70,000 men, 184 cannon and 120 machine guns. The loss of these figures permits of a plain conclusion being drawn as to the importance of the success obtained by the allied (Teutonic) troops and shows to what a degree the Rumanian army is demoralized. The losses in dead and wounded are in proportion to the number of prisoners. The booty, war material and field material taken is incalculable.

**Russians, Too, Retreating.**  
The Russian statement received here today follows:  
In Wallachia the Rumanian troops under unceasing hostile pressure continue to retire to the eastward. In consequence of this our troops who are on the left flank of the Rumanians also are retreating.  
To the west and south of Putna Valley, where the enemy was dislodged from two heights, we captured 500 prisoners, including ten officers, and six machine guns, one cannon and two bomb mortars.  
Five versts southwest of the village of Sultani, the enemy abandoned the heights which we occupied yesterday. On both banks of the River Techednich our advance continues.  
In the wooded Carpathians the struggle for the height five versts to the south of Javornika has died down. Our troops retired to their own trenches.

**PARIS THEATRES PROTEST.**  
Further Restrictions Would Be Hardship, Actors Say.  
PARIS, Dec. 9.—A commission named by forty-three groups of the theatrical profession in Paris decided today to protest against the proposals of the Minister of the Interior to restrict further the lighting of places of amusement, to close playhouses on an additional day and to impose a supplemental tax of 20 per cent. on their receipts.  
The commission points out that, added to the contributions to the poor fund and royalties to authors, the new tax would bring up to 45 per cent. the amount taken from the receipts of theatres, and declares that to close the playhouses two days a week would be a great hardship for the 80,000 persons in France who earn their livelihood on the stage.  
In place of this proposal of the Interior Department the commission suggests that considerable economies may be effected by changes in the lighting of stages and auditoriums.

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## GERMANY'S 'TANKS' OUTSPEED CAVALRY

Rival of British Armored Car Performs Amazing Feats on Rumanian Front.

AT GEN. VON FALKENHAYN'S HEADQUARTERS IN RUMANIA, via London, Dec. 9.—One of the most interesting features of the Rumanian campaign from a German standpoint, has been the spectacular work of the new armored automobiles evolved soon after the advent of the British "tanks" on the Somme front.

Even in the brief tests it has had since the Germans crossed the mountains into the Rumanian plains the new German armored car has shown itself an efficient auxiliary to the cavalry in patrol work, as it frequently can inflict infinitely more damage than a whole squadron and is far more difficult to destroy than the English car. Its achievements so far include an attack on Rumanian positions in which 300 men were killed. The car is twenty-five feet in length with wheels a foot wide and encased in solid rubber. Each carries a crew of ten men, including the machine gun operators, the chauffeur and one substitute and one officer. The machine gun can be operated in almost any direction through narrow slits. At one end, under the customary hood, is a 100-horsepower motor, and at the other end, under a similar hood, is the gasoline tank. Each man in the crew is an expert mechanic and chauffeur, so if by any chance a stray bullet bursts through the slit through which the operator looks in driving, there are others ready and competent to take the injured man's place.

The automobile engine is both air and water cooled. The car shell is impervious to machine gun and rifle fire. When no opponent is in sight the top of the turret can be opened so that a man can get his shoulders out and make observations. When the turret is closed periscopes are used to observe the surrounding landscape from all angles. There have been many odd experiences with these automobiles in Rumania. On one of the first trips a car entered a village not yet captured, where the officer and his crew were taken for Rumanians because the Germans were not supposed to have armored cars. Three Rumanian locomotive drivers tried to get their engines away, but the automobile was too swift for them. It raced ahead, the crew destroyed a portion of the track and the automobile received the engines with a withering fire which forced their surrender. On the return to the village the crew was again greeted by the population.

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## AUSTRALIANS RAID GERMAN TRENCHES

Engage in Hand to Hand Fighting in Le Transloy Sector on Somme.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Australian troops in considerable force made a reconnaissance last night toward German trenches near the important Le Transloy position north of the Somme. At some places they got close enough for hand to hand fighting, but were beaten back, leaving prisoners, Berlin reports.  
At Verdun there was a bombardment most of the night, and in the morning near hill 304, on the west bank of the Meuse, where there has been fighting

### FOUR MORE SHIPS SUNK.

Five Unknown of Most of Conch's Crew.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Danish steamship Sigurd, 2,119 tons gross, and of the British steamships Arvistan, 3,815 tons; Conch, 3,430, and Tansfield. Two of the crew of the Conch have been landed but the fate of the remainder is unknown.  
The probable sinking of the Norwegian steamers Saga and Hakura was announced tonight by Lloyd's.  
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 9.—The Arvistan left November 29 for a port in the United Kingdom with 176,000 bushels of wheat. Her crew included two Americans, F. Murray of New Haven, Conn., and Tony Morris of New Bedford, Mass. The British steamship Conch was a tanker. She was last reported near Calcutta, India, on October 14, after having grounded. Available shipping records mention two Norwegian steamships named Saga. They measure 1,130 and 433 tons respectively. The Hakura arrived at Christiansia on November 17 from Baltimore and it was announced she would be renamed the Tuck. She measured 3,444 tons.

### BRINGS CARRANZA'S REPLY.

Alberto J. Pani Starts for U. S. to Set on Protocol.

QUEBEC, Dec. 9.—Alberto J. Pani, one of the commissioners to the joint conference at Atlantic City, left for the United States to-night, bearing Gen. Carranza's authority for the Mexican commissioners to act on the protocol drawn up by the conference. The nature of Senor Pani's instructions is not known, but a high official expressed the opinion that the protocol would be signed, with or without alteration.

late. There was no infantry encounter there.

### German Trenches Raided.

French raiders broke into German trenches near Butte de Meuil and destroyed mine galleries. Belgian and German guns and trench mortars were engaged in duels near the Yser and Dixmude.

The German statement to-day reads: Western Front.—Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: In the Somme sector a violent artillery duel occurred, lasting some hours. Strong patrols advancing during the night against our positions near Le Transloy were repulsed by our fire and in hand to hand fighting. A number of Australians remained in our hands.

The French statement to-night follows:  
In Champagne we made a successful surprise attack on a German salient in the region of the Butte de Meuil. We penetrated adversary trenches, destroyed mine galleries and brought back prisoners.  
On the left bank of the Meuse a somewhat spirited artillery action was maintained in the region of hill 204. There was an intermittent cannonade

on the rest of the front.

Belgian Communication.—German artillery and mine throwers, energetically counter shelled by the Belgian batteries and trench guns, violently bombarded the Yser dike and the sector before Dixmude.

The afternoon French statement says: The night was relatively calm except in the region of hill 304, where the artillery on both sides was active. The official report from British headquarters in France issued to-night reads: This morning we raided hostile trenches in the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast and Souchez, inflicting losses on the enemy and capturing a machine gun. Our trench mortars successfully bombarded the enemy lines north of Ploegsteert and east of Arras.

The hostile artillery was less active to-day except in the Ypres and La Bassée areas and west of Le Sars.

### GERMANS ON ALERT.

BELGIUM (by wireless), Dec. 9.—"Since the failure of the last great attack on the Aisne, made on November 18, the British and French have carried out serious movements separately," says the

Overseas News Agency, "but neither surprise attacks, such as that made by the French against St. Pierre Vaast Wood, nor assaults after strong artillery preparation, such as the British undertook east of the Albert-Warioncourt road, brought any success. In both cases they were repulsed with sanguinary losses."

"The French and British now are faced with the difficult alternative whether to continue the offensive on the Somme or prepare a new offensive at another place. Reconnoitering operations at other points, such as the Ypres bend, indicate that the latter is their intention, but the German resistance shows there are no weak spots on the German western front. The Entente forces have been placed in a difficult situation by the German reinforcements, especially of artillery."

### Fighting Pneumonia in Toledo.

TOLEDO, Dec. 9.—Local health authorities to-day began an open window campaign in a fight against pneumonia. Numerous cases of the disease have appeared recently, and the action resulted from a conference of department officials.

### FRANCE TAXES NON-FIGHTERS

All Who Are Not in Army Must Make Contributions.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—A special personal war contribution has been added to the taxes provided for by the Appropriations Committee in a bill now being discussed in the French Chamber of Deputies. It is graduated on the same principle as the income tax, from 20 per cent. of the taxable portion of incomes between 3,000 and 10,000 francs (\$600 to \$2,000), to 100 per cent. of the taxable portion of incomes exceeding 50,000 francs (\$10,000).

In addition, each person liable to this tax will pay a fixed arbitrary contribution of twelve francs (\$2.40) a year. This applies to every person of a movable age, and is to be paid from January 1, 1917, until December 31 of the first year after the cessation of hostilities.

The measure is intended to reach persons who have not served at least two years in the army or who have not participated in the war in one of the armies. All men at the front are exempted, as are those who have been mustered out on account of wounds or illness.

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